



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SQUARE DANCE MONTH

- WHEREAS: Square dancing, the official folk dance of the State of Georgia, has a long tradition of providing wholesome entertainment for Georgians of all ages who participate in this exciting and friendly activity; and
- WHEREAS: The square dance is a popular type of folk dance throughout the world. This dance for groups of four couples is performed in a compact framework, with each couple forming a side of the square; and
- WHEREAS: Traditionally, square dancing is accompanied by modern country/western music. The couples perform a variety of movements prompted by the patter or singing instruction of a "caller." Cooperative movement is the hallmark of well-executed square dancing; and
- WHEREAS: Square dancing is designated as the official Georgia folk dance by Georgia Code § 50-5-73; and
- WHEREAS: Folk dances such as square dancing, round dancing, clogging, contra, and line dancing are traditional forms of community celebration. Such dances require teamwork and cooperation, and are healthy and entertaining pastimes that bring joy to many Georgians; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia State Square Dancers Association is hosting the 47th Annual Georgia State Square Dance Convention at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia, on September 21-22, 2018; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as SQUARE DANCE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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